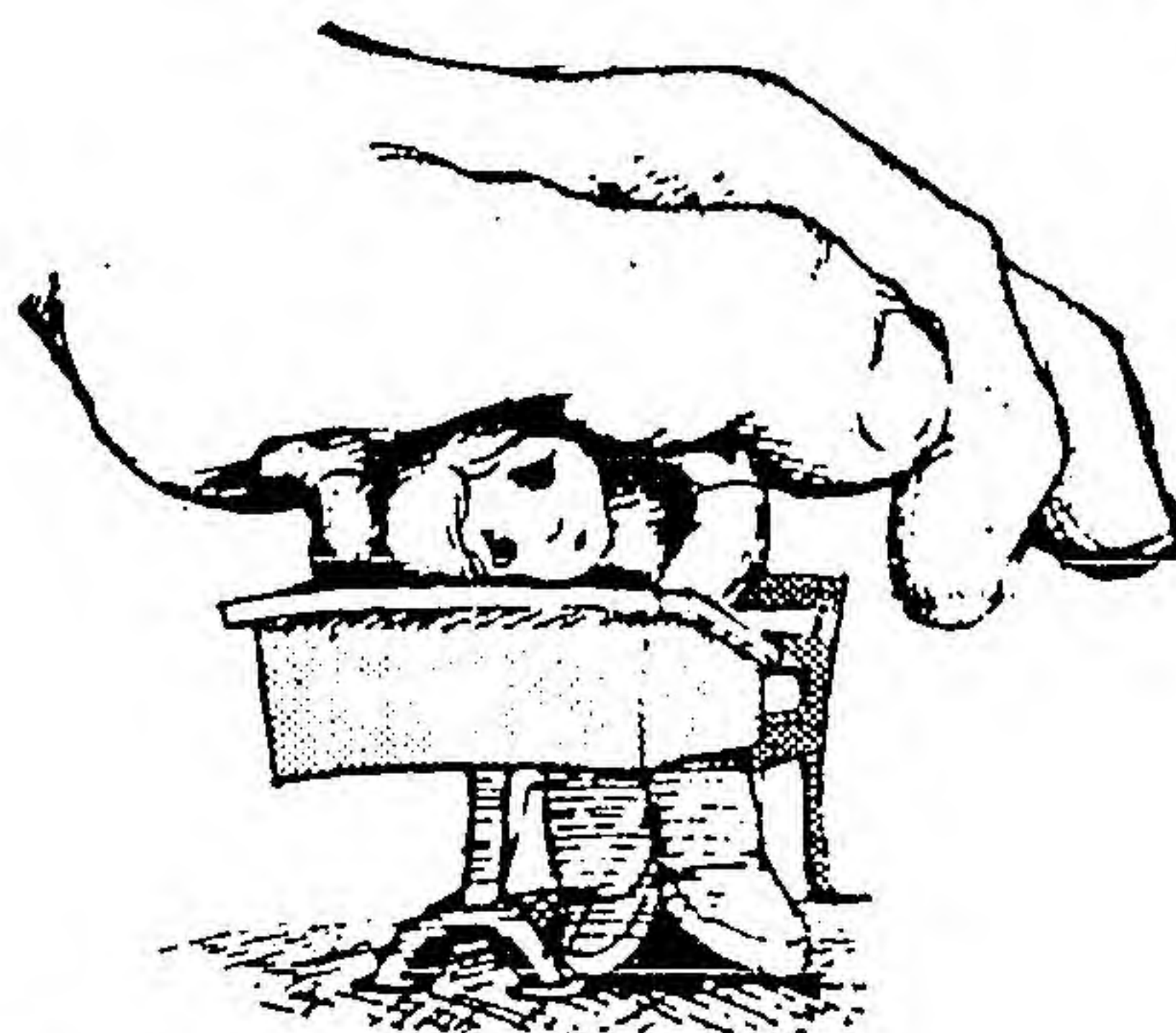


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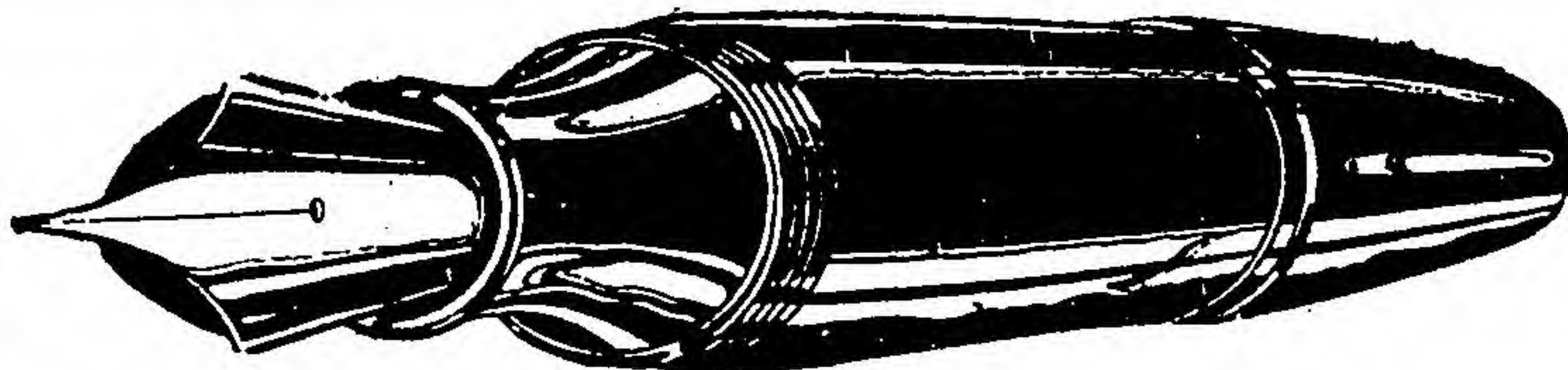


If you fail to write your essay
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When he fills you full of lead
Then he'll throw you on the pavement
And he'll kick you in the head
THEN HE'LL PUT ON SHOES WITH FOOTBALL SPIKES
AND ON YOUR FACE HE'LL TREAD
THEN HE'LL SHOOT YOU LIKE A BUZZARD
AND HE'LL STUFF YOU FULL OF BREAD
THEN HE'LL SHOVE YOU IN A MINCER
'TILL YOUR BODY'S BLOODY RED
YES, IF YOU FAIL TO DO YOUR ESSAY
YOU WILL LIKELY END UP DEAD

- may be sung to "The Guns of Brixton"

From the Editor's Pen

by Carolyn Gaunt



LISTENING TO THE Parrott Committee hearings on the restructuring of Laurentian University and its Northeastern counterparts showed more clearly than any other actions that have been taken by groups at this university in the last year how far we have moved away from perceiving the student as being the most important part of this structure.

The reality of it all is that the student is the only *raison d'être* for any university. Perhaps, at Laurentian, who exactly qualifies as a student is more varied than in the past; instead of simply postsecondary students, Laurentian students' ages range from 17 to over 60. But regardless of at what point in life they find themselves, they involve themselves with (or Hearst, or Algoma, or Nippissing) to further their education, expand their horizons as it were.

But at the hearings, few groups considered the welfare of the student. Presentations fairly unanimously represented the vested interests of whichever group in question. And they did not relate their recommendations to how the student would benefit.

There are groups at Laurentian who felt it petty when comments regarding lack of funding, misdirected funding, lack of resource material, poor research equipment, etc. were made to the Parrott Committee. But how can a university function without any of those things? How can any student study adequately in a void? And if there is to be a restructured university, should not all concerned be striving to make it as viable for the student as possible? It is only through this that the university can serve its purpose — education.

Letter to the Editor:

There has been a lot of controversy lately about the hiring of non-Union workers during strikes.

Certainly workers have the right to organize themselves as a single entity, the Union, and that Union has the right not to be employed under terms it deems unacceptable.

But does it have the right to impose its standards on everyone else seeking employment?

If a job becomes available because a Union member has decided he no longer wants to do it, and I want to, what right does he have to tell me I can't?

If a Union decides it doesn't want to do a job anymore, what right does it have to tell an

employer that his business must cease to function?

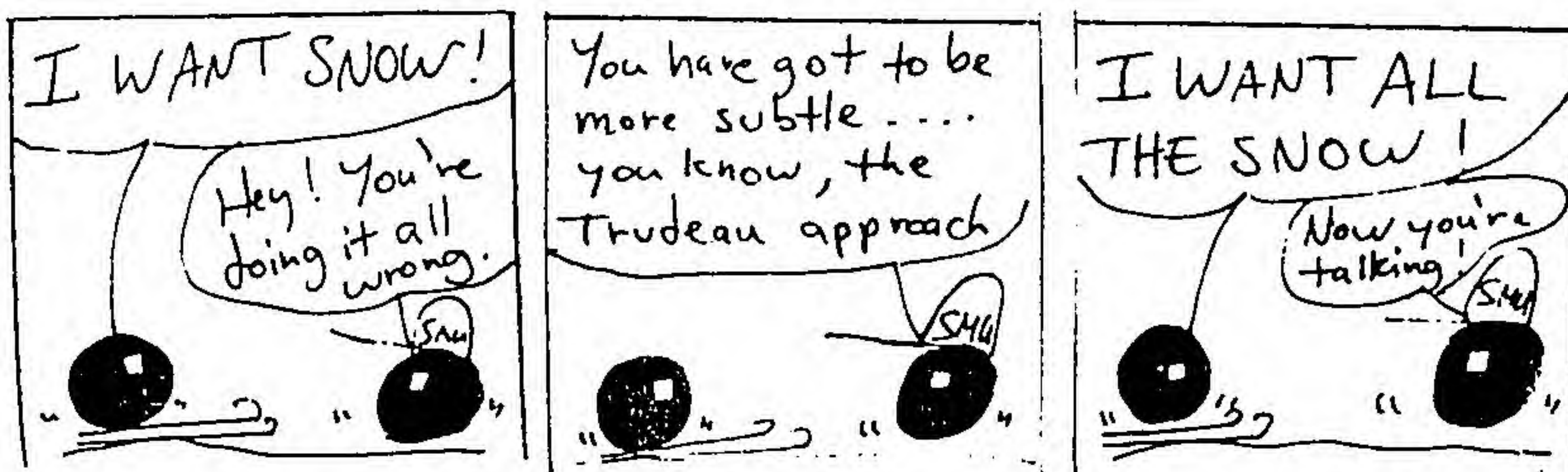
I am a good representative of Canadian youth in that I cannot survive without charity from family or state. Although in my case charity has taken the dignified form of student loans and grants, I feel I am waving Canadian Youth's banner of frustrated ambition (not despair) when I ask why I cannot be allowed to support myself when there are jobs waiting to be done.

Excellence thrives on adversity.

Canadian Labour Unions, however, value power -- not excellence, reward seniority -- not superiority, support group

wants -- not morality. This is why they deem adversity evil.

Union Activists can tell me that a free contest of value is 'destructive competition', they can judge me immoral if I demand less than they for my labours, and they can call me a 'scab' if ever, by crossing a picket line, I interfere with their attempts to black-mail their employers, but I believe I am far from alone when I challenge Labour Unions to what they fear most -- fair, open competition.



Canada's Everest Team Climb Up To Sudbury

The February seventh Falconbridge lecture drew to a close with less than subtle cynicism from some members of the audience, but concluded with a standing ovation from the majority for Professor Bill March, leader of the 1982

Canadian Everest Expedition.

More people than the Fraser Auditorium could seat attended the lecture to hear and see March, with a professionally produced slide show, tell the story of the Canadian conquest of Everest.

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March discussed the magnitude and complexity of the ascent, five years in the planning, which had required approximately twenty tons of equipment from over 1,000 companies and a crew of 60 men.

The audience was also provided with March's personal impressions of aspects of the expedition such as; Sherpa religion and culture, respect for the mountain, the relationships between the climbers, and March's disappointment with the cynical attitude exhibited by much of the North American media and public while the expedition was in progress.

That account was punctuated with emotional anecdotes, those of a drunken party with a Spanish expedition, the sharing of letters by the climbers, the cremation of a Sherpa who was one of three Sherpas and one Canadian killed, the subsequent decision by six climbers to abandon the expedition, and the two final ascents which placed

four Sherpas and two Canadians on the summit.

March broke the ascent into stages, starting with a 260 km walk to the base of Everest to condition the climbers.

As he retold the ascent, March explained the technical difficulties, the physical and emotional demands and the risks involved with each stage, giving the audience some understanding of the strength, courage and will the climbers exhibited.

Two hours later, when he had finished telling the tale of an incredible challenge that had taken the lives of four, and broken the wills of six other fine men, March responded to accusatory notes of cynicism from the audience.

What was wrong with Skresleg's (the first Can

What was wrong with Skresleg's (the first Canadian to reach the summit) camera?

Why weren't the pictures from the summit, taken with the

official (leica) group camera?

Why wasn't a Canadian flag flown on the summit?

The answer March gave to all of these questions was the answer to why four men had lost their lives and six had surrendered to the mountain — overwhelming difficulty, risk and mishap.

After the four men had been killed and six had abandoned the expedition, did March continue because of pressure from Air Canada? (the major sponsor of the expedition)

What a ridiculous question.

As March said, 'There is something wrong with a nation that cannot give its support for a venture such as this.'

Luckily, that was not the case. The nation did give its support, and the great majority of the audience responded to March's brilliant presentation with, rather than petty cynicism, what it deserved — a reverent standing ovation. □

It must be February. Midterms and assignments have left our Stokers studying. Until:

It was Wednesday evening and everything was serene. Third gold had a floor supper (too bad no one wanted to eat with them). Then that age-old cure for stress erupted. We are talking water fight. Representatives from several guys' floors converged on second blue, manned with hoses-watering everything and everyone in sight. Later, second gold decided to let off some steam, challenging every guys' floor to a pillow fight. Casualties included S.T. and J.G. who got waterlogged.

These two, in the mood for a little action, pursued the issue, but ended up trapped in G.R.'s room, taking P.L. hostage in order to get back to their rooms safely.

It seems first gold was able to defeat last years ball hockey champs quite easily- better luck next time first brown. In the residence hockey pool, the five bowlers are once again vying for the top spot. Third red has had a good-looking visitor

recently- M.G.'s little brother'. If you can't get a date, get a nurse- ask BB how sweet it is! S.D. has been great between the pipes keeping their ball hockey close against first brown. D.B. has been keeping up the 'spirits' on first red staggering' success. P.G. and K.C. were reunited just in time for first red's Valentine's Dance. M.L. was shining in net for second brown as they defeated a slumping first red.

Rumour has it the La Nuit tickets are going fast. It's good to see all those Stokers' Hats. Ramms' are disappointed that they didn't get any carnations. The annual AEF carnival passed unnoticed as usual. It seems D.T. of third gold is trying to initiate a 'Piano fund'. A noble and desperately needed project to say the least.

It's break time, and though some are staying, most Stokers are returning home for its duration. Hope your holidays are refreshing and reviving, and safe, and sober, from Niagra Falls, to Montreal, to Byng Inlet, to Cochrane.

Til after the break,

Your Everloving RAMMS

CORRECTION

In a recent issue of this newspaper Beverley Luetchford was listed as winner of the second Ford Mustang in the TransCanada Telephone System's Hello Again Sweepstakes. The winner's name should read **Renzo Purchio of Dawson College, Montreal, Quebec.** The TransCanada Telephone System apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

There is a New Student Traveller out. It is produced by the Canadian Federation of Students Services of which you are members. The objective of CFS-S is to provide Candian students with the most inexpensive ways to travel while still maintaining high levels of quality. For more infor-

mation about air flights, student work abroad program, international student discount card, (which can save you a fortune), Eurail passes, and much more, contact the SGA.

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Winter Conference

Over 100 delegates from 41 Ontario universities and colleges were at McMaster on the weekend to attend the Winter Conference of the Candian Federation of Students-Ontario (CFS-O) and the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

The four day conference gave delegates an opportunity to exchange ideas and seek fresh approaches to a number of students issues. Workshops were held to discuss topics including international students' issues, economic policy, peace, housing, and long-range planning.

By Jeff Andrew

by R.R.
[Rammage's roommate]

I regretfully announce that Rammage is extremely sick this week, however, before you go out and buy him expensive Get Well cards, let me assure you he is being well looked after. Unfortunately, Mr. X refused to do the Hightlights and Rammage from his death bed requested me to fill in so as not to disappoint his loyal readers.

Third floor guys demolished second floor boys in the Monday afternoon ball hockey grudge match. It was Drewster the Rooster who paced the third floor team with an unbelievable 50 goals in 5 gamesto sweep the series.

Big D, number 18 on your program, number 1 in your hearts, your friend, not mine, suffered heavy losses at the card table Monday night. Real heavy losses.

Second floor has again proven that their warped and twisted minds are second to none as they have turned a lover's day (Valentine's) into a night of passion and downright dirty sex with their Pimps and Prostitutes party.

Highlight of the week'; 'post Pimps and Prostitute party festivities.

Achoo! Achoo!
.I think I'm sick too.
.But what can you do
.It must be the flu.
.Goodbye to you,
.Rammage's Roommate is through.

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Pintmeyers Again

We'd like to start this week's edition with a 'high' note for the U.C. Pintmeyer. For the third straight year they have managed to win the ball hockey tournament while remaining un-sober. ('That's a poor excuse for a sex change, Nipper').

Although last weekend was supposed to be uneventful, 8th and 9th made up for it with the first U.C. Augusta Open. Thanks to Tony Rufo, Mike Bartlett and Doug Harors ended up winning the tournament. With their prize of a 24 pack, they headed with R.H., S.D. and P.B. to the washroom on 2nd floor to look for formal dates.

Following his male instincts, Hub made his way over to Thornloe with a young Thornlette, though much unlike his reputation, he struck out. Though a little later in the year, Tony from 5th floor was finally given a nickname 'Splash', because of his inability to reach the washroom in time.

Thanks to Steve J., last week's Coffee House proved to be a good time for all. The cool-looking 'Volunteer Jam' proved again to be a crowd pleaser and even came back for an encore, though the founding member was excluded from this year's performance. More good music was heard from Patsy, Hjoanne, Lois and the others who all contributed to a rare but entertaining non-drinking event.

To finish off, here are some words of wisdom about the upcoming U.C. Formal, to all you shy Frosh. Girls, especially the ones who have boyfriends at home, you don't have to be in love with the guy to go to the formal. It's not a commitment, just an excuse for everybody to be able to go and have the best time of the year together. And guys, there are lots of girls out there who want to go, and are just waiting for you. So, hurry up and ask someone, 'cause as time runs out, so do the possibilities of going with your favourite gal. And let's not have groups of guys or girls going with no date, because that's not the idea of a Formal. So, we hope everybody'll have a chance to because it's not a party to miss. Details on 6th & 7th floor party in the next issue.

O.P. & WOP

New Leader Controversy

On the same January weekend that PC delegates lit a funeral pyre for their party leader, student representatives from Ontario colleges and universities showed that they knew how to put one of their own on the political hotseat.

Soon after being ratified as Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario (CFS/O) chairperson-elect last Sunday at McMaster, Ian Nelms had to respond to criticisms that he did not represent the average Ontario student and of the method by which he was chosen for the post.

Some delegates felt that Nelms did not present what they considered to be a 'professional image', said McMaster Students Union President Andy Knight.

Wim Simonis, President of the Waterloo Federation of Students said that Nelms had the image 'of a student radical of the late sixties.'

'I think the student movement as a whole, especially at larger institutions, has grown out of that,' he said.

Responded Nelms to that view, 'I don't think I would call myself a sixties radical. I think maybe some people think I am a radical, but it will just take us time to get to know each other so that they see that I am not like that.'

Delegates from McMaster, Waterloo, Guelph and Windsor universities and Fanshawe Col-

lege held a caucus meeting after Nelms was ratified to discuss their concerns and a course of action. They decided to cooperate with him because he had been the candidate most acceptable to a majority of the delegates.

But they also decided that they would attempt to have the CFS/O bylaw on chairperson selection procedures changed to ensure that delegates have a number of candidates to choose from in the final election.

Originally six candidates were nominated for the position and they answered delegate's questions during a screening session. According to CFS bylaws the candidates then had to be ratified by 2/3 of the voting delegates before the election took place. The bylaw is intended to narrow the field of candidates to the strongest contenders.

One of the candidates, Andy Knight, dropped out of the race. Of the five others, only Nelms received the 2/3 ratification thus giving him the position.

'I am unhappy with the method (by which Nelms was

elected), definitely,' said Simonis.

He said he thought all of the other candidates were capable of doing the job and that the delegates should have been able to vote from a larger slate in the final election.

'I think it is always desirable to have an election,' said Janet Belch, President of Western's student council. 'It gives the chairperson a stronger mandate.'

Nelms, former president of the student council at the Ontario College of Art, said he believed that they had a valid concern but he said he would have won even if there had been an election. He said that because he was the only one to receive the 2/3 ratification he was the frontrunning candidate.

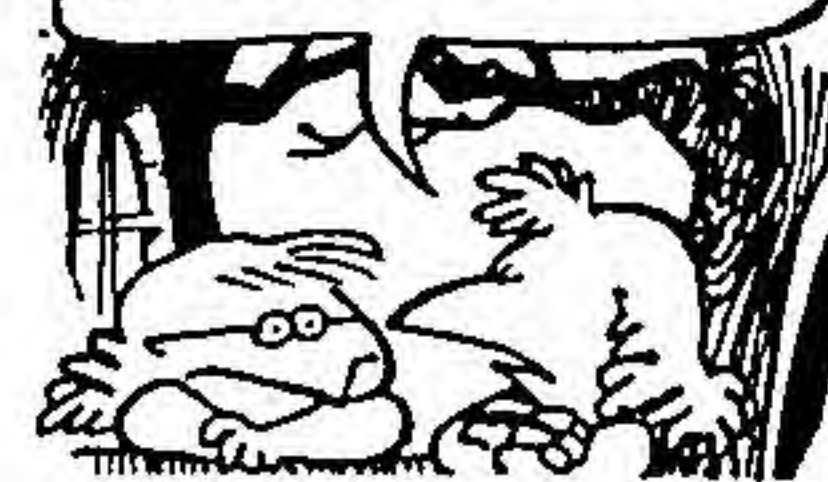
Belch suggested that the bylaw could be changed to use a successive ballot system after the screening session. After each ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes would be dropped, and the final ballot would include all of the forerunning candidates.

Unemployment Figures Not Pretty

TORONTO (CUP) -- After the horrors of student unemployment in the summer of 1982, it would be heartening to predict improvements for this summer. Sigh.

That's not what those in the business of predicting are saying. 'I predict that perhaps one in four students will be unemployed this summer,' said Richard Balnis, researcher for the Canadian

FRANKLIN ALWAYS SAID HE WAS ONE IN A MILLION... AND SURE ENOUGH HE'S UNEMPLOYED.



'It's going to be very difficult for students to get jobs this summer and more difficult than ever to get course-related work,' said Pat Werner, executive director of the University and College Placement Association. 'Getting a summer job has been a struggle for years,' said Werner. But this year will be even worse than last year because 'there was a dramatic decrease in on-campus recruiting last fall (for jobs this summer) compared with previous years.'

The national unemployment rate among returning students peaked in July 1982 at 19.3 per cent, well above the overall unemployment rate of 11.8 per cent. When more than one million students hit the labour market this summer, Balnis expects even more than last year's 216,000 to be out of work.

He said this happens because 'the student unemployment rate is directly related to the national unemployment rate,' and he

expects the national rate to go even higher than it did last summer.

Chase Electronics, an economic forecasting company, predicts that the national rate will peak at 13.6 to 13.8 per cent this summer. Balnis said the increase in student unemployment will be proportionately higher.

More than ever before students will have to compete with the long-term unemployed for summer jobs, Balnis said.

'Traditionally, returning students have obtained jobs through family connections or friends,' he said. 'But families and friends can do little when companies are hiring back laid-off workers and those with much more experience.'

Balnis said student unemployment is even worse than Statistics Canada suggest, because a student who only finds work for one day a week is not counted as unemployed.

A CFS-O pamphlet, 'Where Have the Summer Jobs Gone?' charges that the Ontario and federal governments have not done enough to help students threatened by unemployment.

'Many existing federal and provincial summer job creation programs for students are short-term or part-time, minimum wage positions inadequate to finance a student's participation in higher education.'

Students must save \$1,120 to be considered for a bursary or loan under the Ontario Student Assistance Plan. A student who worked 16 weeks at Ontario's \$3.50 per hour minimum wage would be required to save \$70 a week, 50 per cent of their earnings before deductions.

But OSAP maintains that students need a minimum of \$85 per week to live on during the year, said Balnis, 'Leaving the student in the hole by \$15.□'

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Basketball Comes To An End

The finest basketball of the women's intramural basketball season was witnessed last Tuesday and Thursday nights as play-off action got underway.

Tuesday night saw the start of the semi finals in the league. In the first game, Huntington Blues, winners in Blue division regular season play, defeated the number two ranked team in Gold division. Strokettes are to be congratulated. They played their best game of the season and kept Huntington from walking away with an easy win. Nicky Raiche led Blues to their 32-22 semi-final victory with 19 points, Linda Melynychuk had eight for the Strokettes.

The second semi-final contest immediately followed the first. The Gold division champs, Pat's Picks, met J-Birds, representatives of Blue division's number two spot. The game was well-played by both teams, but the Pick's effective press

and spirited fastbreaks proved their worth. Although J-Birds ended the game with a flurry of points, Pat's Picks came out on top. Miriam Taylor has high hooper for the winners with 7 baskets, Phil O'Flynn's quick steals and fancy manouevers helped her gain 12 points for J-Birds. Final score was 32-21.

Both winners of the semis went into the finals after having played similar type games; the scores were 32-22 and 32-21.

On Thursday night Huntington Blues and Pat's Picks came together in order to decide the 1982-83 champions of the league. After playing a sluggish first half which saw Blues dominate every aspect of the game, Pat's Picks improved which helped them earn the majority of their points. They failed in their attempt to overcome but were able to make it to Blue's half way mark and have some fun. The talented Blues doubled

Picks 42-21. Nicky Raiche proved her ability again and scored 19 points, while Picks' points were widespread.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HUNTINGTON BLUES

A short awards ceremony was held after the championship game, with winners as follow:

Top scorer of the league

Nicky Raiche

Outstanding player of the game (Huntington)

Vicky Evans

Outstanding player of the game (Pat's Picks)

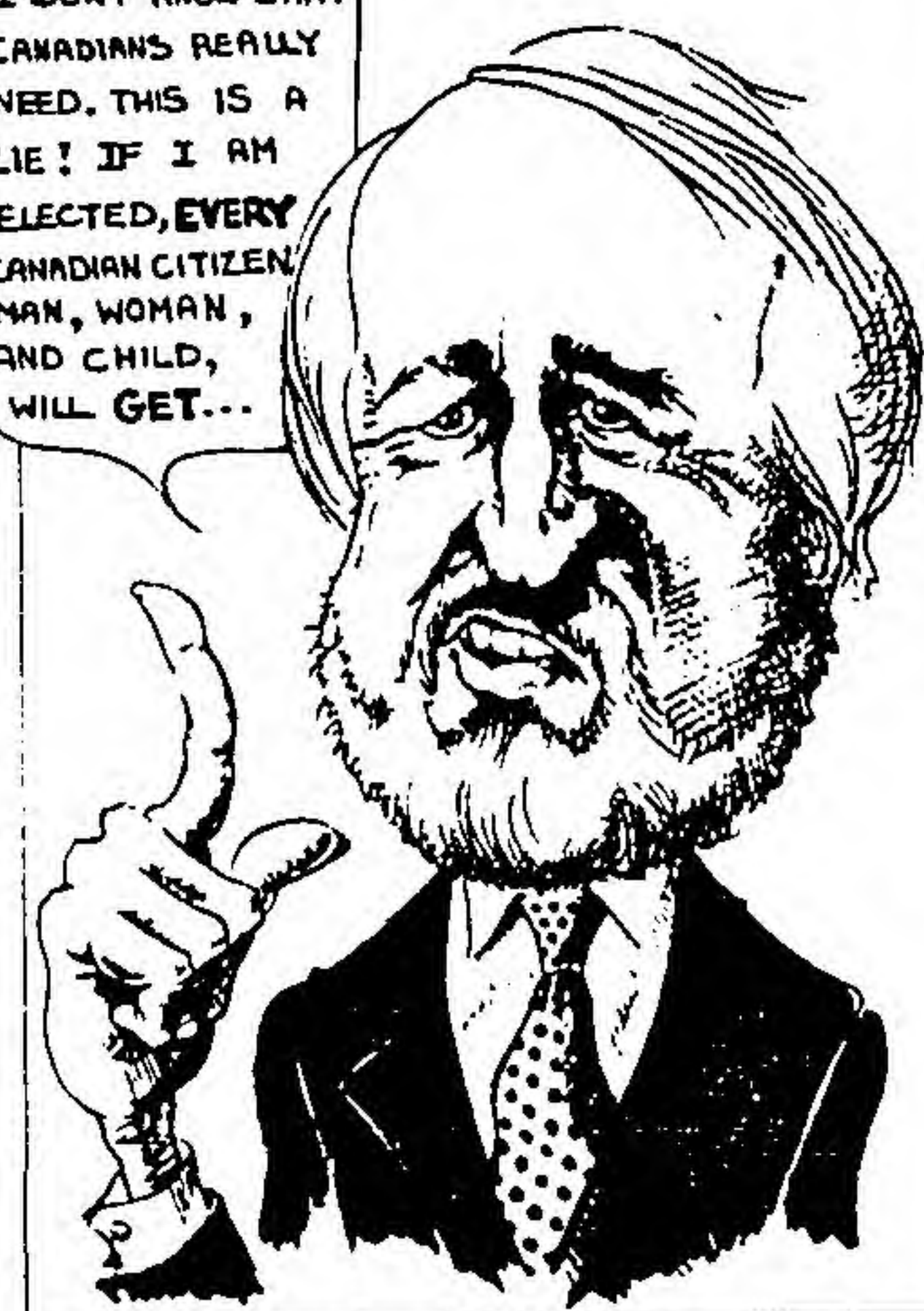
Jackie Balleny

Winner of draw

Patty Peebles

Aawrd and ribbons were given to both champs and runners-up. As well, champs received a trophy to be displayed at the phys. ed. centre. This marks the end of the league. thanks to all for a fine one.□

SOME PEOPLE CLAIM I DON'T KNOW WHAT CANADIANS REALLY NEED. THIS IS A LIE! IF I AM ELECTED, EVERY CANADIAN CITIZEN, MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD, WILL GET...



... ONE OF THESE!



Laurentian Teams Show Stuff

Laurentian's sports teams went into action on Thursday as the Women's Alpine Ski Team finished third behind Western and Queens at the OWIAA Championships. Thursday's slalom had Angela Geugeon 4th, Lisa Edmunds 15th, Michella Vandekaa 19th and Jill Geugeon 21st.

Friday, the giant slalom saw Angela 2nd, Michella 17th, Lisa 25th and Jill 26th.

The Lady Vees Basketball Team was on the road for two weekend games. Friday the Vees rebounded from a 12 point deficit to force two overtime periods before beating U of T 90-87. Coach Peter Ennis was pleased with the Vees' fighting spirit and said that the team showed a lot of class. Barb Tucker led the way with 42 points, followed by Marian Waschulzik with 13, Linda Palango 12 and Joy Bellinger 10.

Saturday, the Lady Vees defeated Queens 88-59. Barb Tucker hit for 28, Joy Bellinger netted 17 and Linda Palango scored 10. That ends a perfect 12-0 regular season for the ladies and earns them a bye into the OWIAA semi-finals.

The Men's Varsity Team unleashed a balanced attack to defeat the U of T 90-66. Brian Skeoch led the way with 20 pts,

Mike Sheridan hit 15 as did Dave Burden, Jeff Gark scored 11 and Rob Turkhill had 10.

That leaves the Vees with an 8-4 record which is good for 3rd place in the OUAA East.

The hockey Vees moved closer to a playoff berth with a 6-2 win over the McMaster Marauders. Ivan Zannatta tallied 2 while Bruce McNeDonald, Norm McAulley, Jeff Kirnin and Rob Chuipka each scored singles. Mike Columbus Went the distance in net.

Laurentian continued its domination of Cross-Country Skiing at the OUAA/OWIAA Championships. Friday, in the Men's 1.5 km individual, Perry Sakki was 1st with a time of 45.57 mins. Ron Mitchell was 3rd, KLen Raukanen 4th, Tony Koyangi 5th, John Gallien 8th and Bill Furchner 9th.

In the 15km relay the Laurentian 'A' team made up of Ron Mitchell, Perry Sakki and Ken Raukanen finished first in a time of 45.41. The Laurentian 'B' team comprised of Tony Koyangi, John Gallien and Bill Furchner was third with a time of 47.28 mins.

On the Ladies' side, Helen Lindlas was 14th in the 15km race. This marks the 6th straight year that Laurentian has won the title.

Conference Tackles Issues

HAMILTON -- Delegates to last weekend's CFS-SIOFS Conference at McMaster university called for a mass demonstration and lobby at Queen's Park next spring as part of a grassroots campaign calling for jobs, greater accessibility and an end to the erosion of Ontario's post-secondary system. The more than 100 student leaders also opted for new organizing approaches in a campaign that will seek to mobilize students throughout the month of March.

In a report adopted by the Final Plenary session, CFS-SIOFS declared that the fiscal strategies of both the federal and provincial governments, notably wage controls, high interest rates, social service cuts and private sector tax concessions, have failed abysmally.

Helena Mitchell, Chairperson of the 200,000-member Federation, said that Ontario's commitment to funding post-secondary education is the lowest in the country. 'Since provincial general expenditures have risen at a much faster rate than post-secondary expenditures,' she said, 'the government's contention that 'the pie is limited' is false. post-secondary underfunding over the past five years is over \$350 million. Clearly, this has been a political choice, not an objective need'.

Ms. Mitchell called on the Davis government to provide operating grants for 1983/84 of at least 11.8 percent, as recommended by the Council of Ontario Universities, to compensate for the past shortfalls.

The Campaign Report states that students, faculty and staff at the local level are being forced to bear the brunt of government cutbacks through increased tuition and incidental fees, elimination of programs, services and staff, and allowing wages and salaries to fall behind.

'At the same time,' said Mary Ann Straw, President of the Student Senate at Sheridan College (Oakville) and Chairperson of the Campaign Committee, 'increased incidental fees to compensate for underfunding are hurting economically disadvantaged students and adversely affecting accessibility... and lack of adequate student employment has a similar effect,' she said.

New Organizing tactics include the production of

campaign materials for particular student constituencies, such as undergraduates, graduates, college students, women, visa students and peace groups. The materials will be integrated within the broad scheme of 'Quality, access, jobs'. In addition, most of these materials, wherever possible, will be sent to the constituent group, rather than the usual practise of distributing solely through student councils.

'External reps on student councils are busy people, and they need some help,' said Ms Straw. 'Besides, we want to encourage the formation of Campus Action Committees, composed of a wider range of students than has traditionally been practice.'

Delegates at the conference also elected Ian Nelmes as the

1983/84 Chairperson of the Federation. Mr. Nelmes is former President of the Students' Administrative Administrative Council at the Ontario College of Art and is a member of the current CFS/S/OFS Executive. He will assume his duties as Chair after the Federation's Annual General Meeting next June. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Nelmes called for unity in the Federation and working together for an effective campaign.

For further information, please contact Wally Brookor, CFS/S/OFS Information Officer at (416)925-3825.



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U of T Stripped Of Membership

TORONTO (CUP) -- The Ontario Federation of Students has stripped University of Toronto undergraduates of all membership privileges, including the right to vote and use OFS services.

After a heated and bitter debate at the Jan. 28 OFS conference, OFS members decided to take away the U of T's rights because its administrative council failed to remit \$42,000 in outstanding fees.

The dispute hinges around \$42,000 collected for OFS. Technically, SAC should have lost it OFS membership last May since an earlier referendum to maintain membership at a

higher fee failed.

OFS allowed SAC to stay in the organization, at a rate half that which other members pay, because SAC also has prospective membership in a new national student organization, the Canadian Federation of Students. But it set a condition that U of T would be unable to vote.

U of T delegates argued that this changed SAC's status substantially. The delegates to the conference last May accepted the agreement, but the SAC board of directors rejected it. The board recently decided that a referendum must be held to see if U of T undergraduates

approve of staying in OFS at a reduced rate with reduced privileges.

OFS didn't buy that interpretation and claimed U of T has holding OFS 'at ransom'. OFS delegates approved action to investigate ways of recovering the \$42,000. Legal action was one option considered.

But the issue became extremely cloudy when U of T Women's Commissioner Gillaine Funnell told delegates that the university was funding not one but two referendums -- on the future of the \$42,000 and on joining the Canadian Federation of Students.

She asked delegates to suppo-

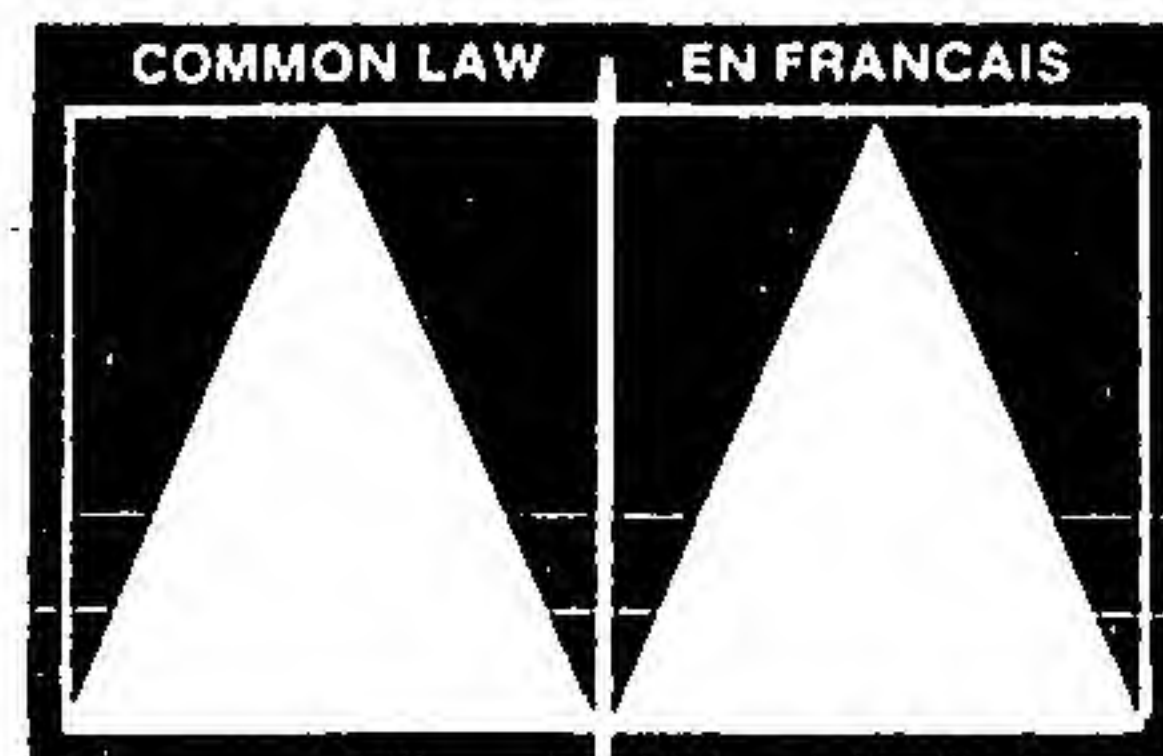
rt U of T 'on the principle of a united student movement for an accessible and quality education.'

Nick Davies, a University of Western Ontario delegate, said 'U of T's reaction is of no consequence' and that someone must pay. 'We feel someone's getting a free ride.'

Funnell argued that the referendum on the \$42,000 was necessary because the SAC's status had changed. 'We feel it would be a great injustice if the group said we have withheld our fees and did so illegally; we feel the students must decide.'



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People Now Wondering About Wonder Drug Of Sixties

by Mary Louise Adams
(Reprinted from the *Arthur*)

"What happened with DES is only one example of the consequences of thinking that modern medicine is infallible, that the physician is sacrosanct and that the patient (particularly the woman patient) is an object to be 'done to'."

from *DES: The Complete Story*
by Cynthia L. Orenberg

"People always ask if I'm angry. Well of course I'm angry but my concern now is for all the others who've been affected by this drug and don't know it." At age 22 Harriet Simand has much to be concerned about—she's a DES daughter. A year ago September she underwent surgery and extensive radiation treatment to combat vaginal cancer caused by an unnecessary and inadequately tested drug.

During the 1950's and 60's millions of pregnant women in North America were counselled to take DES — diethylstilbestrol, a synthetic form of the female hormone estrogen in order to prevent miscarriage. In 1953, six years after the drug was introduced, it was proven ineffective for that purpose, but promotion and sales continued.

In the late 1960's DES was linked directly to a rare form of vaginal cancer in young women who had been exposed to the drug while still in their mothers' wombs—young women like Harriet. Finally in 1972, after 25 years of use, DES was banned from use during pregnancy in both the U.S. and Canada.

Since 1972 studies have shown that the children of women who took DES while pregnant suffer from various other reproductive abnormalities. The mothers themselves face an increased risk of breast, cervical, uterine, and ovarian cancers.

In spite of the inordinate numbers of people affected—an estimated 3 to 6 million mothers and their children in the United States—DES is not exactly a household word. Publicity in Canada has been especially scant. "Most doctors don't think that it was really widely used in Canada", says Harriet. But her doctor in Montreal estimates that there are maybe 30,000 DES exposed children in Quebec alone.

No attempt has been made by the federal government to trace and contact people who are DES exposed. "In Canada they can't even give you a wild estimate of the numbers involved", says Harriet. According to her, the national figures may run as high as 200,000 people. Chances are that most of them have no idea they've been exposed.

Harriet too knew nothing about DES 18 months ago—"I'd maybe heard about it...somewhere in the back of my mind. Preparing to come to Trent University, she went for a routine physical exam. Since then the realities of DES have been part of her everyday life.

It is estimated that between one in a thousand and one in ten

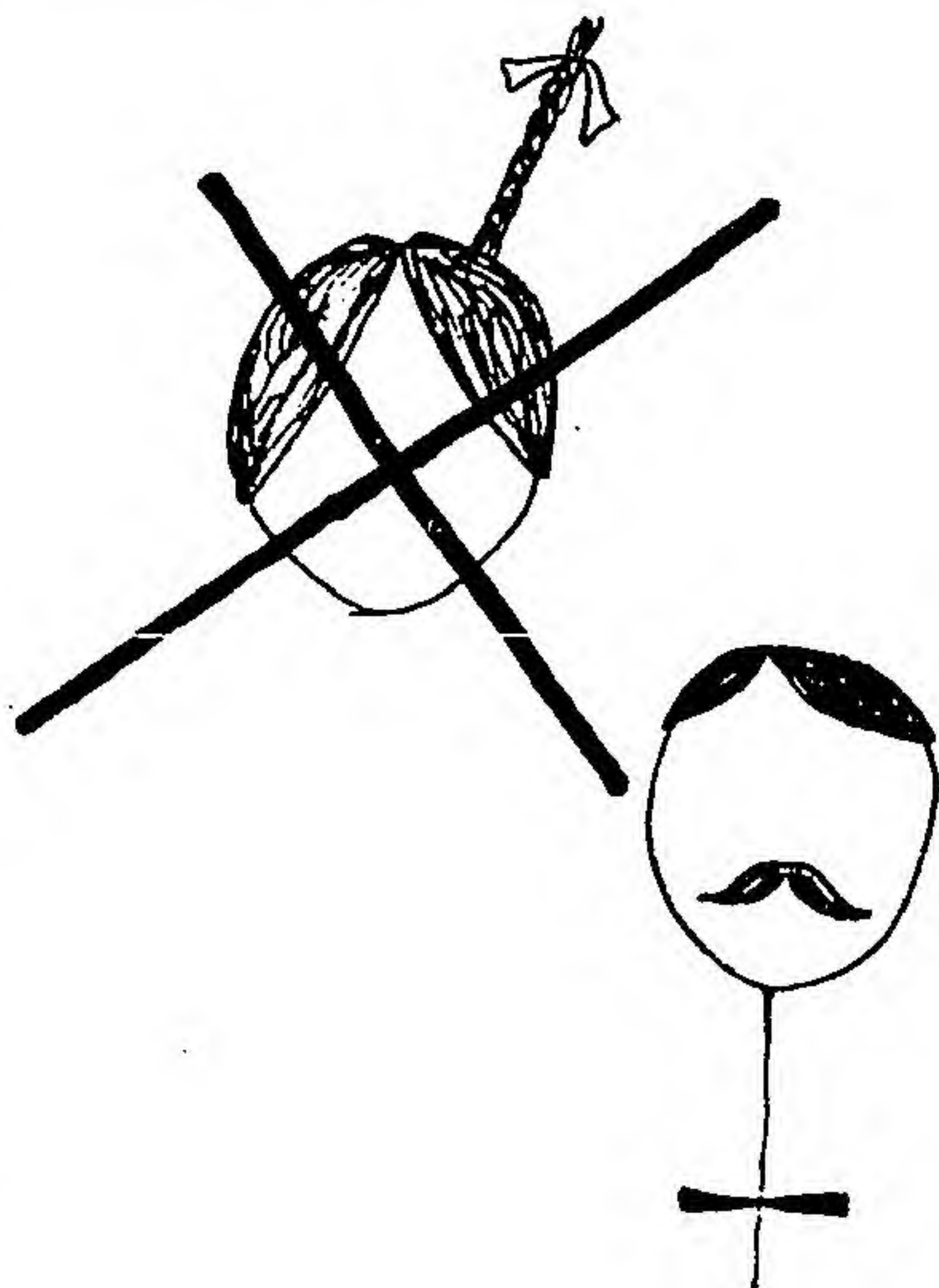
thousand DES daughters will develop the vaginal cancer (clear-cell adenocarcinoma). Usually it appears in the late teen years. If detected early enough the chances of survival are excellent.

However, a far greater proportion of DES daughters (between 60 and 90 per cent), show benign structural changes in their reproductive organs. Most cases are not dangerous. However, it has been shown that DES exposed women are more likely to have fertility problems and difficult pregnancies than non-exposed women.

No respecter of sexual boundaries, DES also effects males. Abnormally small penises, abnormal sperm and semen, urogenital infections, penile bleeding, lumps or cysts in the testicles and undescended

not know. In the heyday of the drug it would have been possible for a woman to be unaware that she was taking it. DES was marketed under at least 78 different brand names in the United States. There could be others in Canada. Some drug companies coated vitamins with DES to make them especially beneficial to pregnant women—who were probably unaware that their nutritional supplements were laced with a synthetic hormone. DES is even known to have been used under the name 'anestrol' as a treatment for acne. So indeed, ask your mother but then try to see her medical records.

According to Dr. D.L. Norrie, a local gynecologist, most doctors keep their records for about ten years; legally they are only required to keep them for 5 years.



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testicles have all been linked to in utero exposure to the drug. Although DES itself is not known to cause cancer in males, a man with undescended testes has an increased risk (about 10 times) of developing testicular cancer.

For the last year Harriet has been trying to get the word out about DES. "For me now, the important thing is that people know what it (DES) can do and why they should get checked." She's asked doctors and government officials to help her publicize the issue. But, "they tell me that it might be better if I didn't do anything. They don't want to scare anyone...Well maybe people didn't want to frighten me either, but if I'd known (about DES) this cancer could have been caught earlier."

"Ask your mother" is the battle cry of DES activists. Find out if you were exposed and seek treatment if necessary. But unfortunately your mother might

The effects of DES exposure usually don't become evident until a child reaches puberty. So by that time any official documentation of their exposure has probably been destroyed.

Getting access to your own and your mother's records doesn't ensure you will find the information you need. Some women who are certain they took the drug, says Harriet, have checked their files to find that DES either isn't listed or is only listed generically. Without knowing the brand name of a product or the pharmaceutical company responsible for its manufacture it is difficult for a DES child to take any legal action. Such is the case for Harriet.

In some cases doctors have actually hampered women's search for past medical information. They fear both legal recrimination and bad publicity. But they were legally justified in prescribing DES; it was a

federally approved drug. What is inexcusable is that since 1972 doctors have failed to alert people about the dangers of DES exposure. They have failed to respond to urgent demands for information from people anxious about their health.

In the United States "DES Action" groups have formed to bring the issue to public attention. No such group exists yet in Canada but Harriet has applied for federal funding to start one.

Although Harriet is a third year student, her room is relatively free of the usual academic clutter. Instead, pamphlets, letters and books on DES are scattered everywhere. Searching through the stacks of paper for a particular letter, she comments on the chaotic nature of her filing system. "I should get my mother up here. At home she keeps me organized."

Without the backing of an official action group, Harriet has been spreading the word however she can. Last year she appeared on the CBC television show *Take 30* and people from the Northwest Territories to outpost Newfoundland responded to the program and wanted more information.

Facts on DES, especially Canadian ones, are hard to come by. "I went to the Status of Women for information", says Harriet, "but I ended up giving them information...Anytime I get a government letter I have to laugh. In the collection I have... they all contradict each other." The government's ineptitude would perhaps be excusable if the connection between DES and cancer or DES and reproductive abnormalities was not well documented, but it is documented and they still don't have any information on it.

If Harriet gets her grant, she'll be able to work full time on DES Action. Right now she's guardedly optimistic about her prospects. An official at the Department of Health and Welfare (the department she has applied to) told her she'd have to present them with "the facts" on DES before they would award her money. Harriet found that ironic, "I mean the whole point of getting a grant is to find out the facts."

The importance of DES Action groups goes beyond their research and advocacy functions. DES exposed people need support. They live with the fear of cancer and the disappointment of infertility. They live with anger, rage and humiliation because their health was sacrificed for corporate profit.

The psychological and emotional effects of DES are, for many people, its most devastating impact. Women who took the drug to protect their unborn babies have had their love for those children and their trust in the medical profession flung back in their faces. They did what women at the time were supposed to do. They followed the advice of experts. Now they fear for their own and their children's health.

In a society that values virility, DES sons carry a heavy emotional burden. Men, in general, tend not to talk about their reproductive malfunctions. Any condition that is less than perfect seems to put a man's masculinity in question—an apparently unenviable situation. DES exposed men must deal constantly with the doubts created by an unwaveringly sexist culture.

Support groups give people the courage to act on their anger. They have been wronged and justifiably they want the situation corrected. Acting together DES daughters, sons and mothers can persist when no one listens, when governments tell them that their cause — their health — has low priority. Acting together they have the power of many voices and the wisdom of much experience.

DES is a tragic example of corporate irresponsibility and government negligence. Approval for the drug was based entirely on corporate research which had not included animal test or controlled studies (a type of test where one group of people is given a placebo. The two groups are compared to judge what effects the drug has had). Both of those procedures were accepted practice for determining the safety and efficacy of a drug at the time.

Joyce Bichler, a DES daughter, was the first to win a lawsuit against a pharmaceutical company for its marketing of the drug. In her 1979 New York trial is evident that three major drug companies — Eli Lilly, Abbott Laboratories and E.R. Squibb — had collaborated to get DES approved by the U.S. government. When they realized that independently none of them would be successful, they formed a joint committee and pooled their information. Scientists on the committee realized that DES had the potential to cause cancer, but because the rates were not "significant" they worked toward approval.

In 1953, a study at the University of Chicago showed that DES was ineffective in preventing miscarriages. The American government saw that as insufficient reason to limit the usage of the drug and it was prescribed to pregnant women for another 20 years. Drug company officials fail to acknowledge the ineffectiveness of DES when they tell exposed daughters and sons that it's because of DES that they are alive.

The full consequences of DES are as yet unknown. No one can be certain that its ill-effects won't appear again when DES daughters have children themselves. The drug is still prescribed to treat breast cancer in women and prostate cancer in men. Ironically, men who take the drug have an increased risk of breast cancer.

Harriet plans to graduate this spring. With or without a grant she plans to continue her activism. "What else can I do? I'm going to keep on pestering people."